

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A backlight unit comprising:

a light source for originating light;

a light guide plate including incident portions through which light originated from the light source enters and an emitting portion for emitting the entered light; and

a chassis including a first recessed portion having a first depth and on which the light source is located and a second recessed portion having a second depth deeper than the first depth and a size adjusted for the light guide plate and on which the light guide plate is located.

2. A backlight unit according to claim 1, wherein the light source is a linear light source.

3. A backlight unit according to claim 1, wherein the light guide plate includes a first side surface, a second side surface, a third side surface, and a fourth side surface, and light originated from the light source enters through the first side surface, the second side surface, the third side surface, and the fourth side surface.

4. A backlight unit according to claim 3, wherein the light source includes a first L-shape fluorescent lamp and a second L-shape fluorescent lamp, light originated from the first L-shape fluorescent lamp enters through the first side surface and the second side surface, and light originated from the second L-shape fluorescent lamp enters through the third side surface and the fourth side surface.

5. A backlight unit according to claim 3, wherein the light source includes a U-shape fluorescent lamp and a straight tube-shape fluorescent lamp, light originated from the U-shape fluorescent lamp enters through the first side surface, the second side surface and the third side surface, and light originated from the straight tube-shape fluorescent lamp enters through the fourth side surface.

6. A backlight unit according to claim 3, wherein the light source includes an O-shape fluorescent lamp, and light originated from the O-shape fluorescent lamp enters through the first side surface, the second side surface, the third side surface and the fourth side surface.

7. A backlight unit according to claim 3, wherein the light source includes a first straight tube-shape fluorescent

lamp, a second straight tube-shape fluorescent lamp, a third straight tube-shape fluorescent lamp and a fourth straight tube-shape fluorescent lamp, light originated from the first straight tube-shape fluorescent lamp enters through the first side surface, light originated from the second straight tube-shape fluorescent lamp enters through the second side surface, light originated from the third straight tube-shape fluorescent lamp enters through the third side surface, and light originated from the fourth straight tube-shape fluorescent lamp enters through the fourth side surface.

8. A backlight unit according to claim 1, wherein the first recessed portion is provided so as to surround the second recessed portion.

9. A liquid crystal display apparatus comprising:

a liquid crystal panel; and

a backlight unit for illuminating the liquid crystal panel with light,

wherein the backlight unit includes:

a light source for originating light;

a light guide plate including incident portions through which light originated from the light

source enters and an emitting portion for emitting the entered light; and

a chassis including a first recessed portion having a first depth and on which the light source is located and a second recessed portion having a second depth deeper than the first depth and a size adjusted for the light guide plate and on which the light guide plate is located.